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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH DRV AND PRG: HOANG QUOC VIET
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1. DURING TOKYO VISIT NVN LEADER HOANG QUOC VIET PUBLICLY
CALLED FOR REPARATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF PRG BY GOJ. WHILE
MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RECEPTION FOR VIET, FONMIN OHIRA, NEVER-
THELESS, TOLD DIET EMPHATICALLY NOV 8 THAT GOJ HAD NO IN-
TENTION OF RECOGNIZING THE PRG. FONOFF ALSO REITERATED
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THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH DRV WITHOUT

CONDITIONS AND REPARATIONS ISSUED SETTLED IN 1959 WITH
GVN. END SUMMARY.

2. NVN'S HOANG QUOC VIET (VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT ACTING
CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL FEDERATION OF VN TRADE UNIONS CHAIRMAN)
VISITING JAPAN AT INVITATION OF ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING JCP
AND JSP, IN SPEECH TO JAPAN PRESS CLUB NOVEMBER 7, SAID
GOJ SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE PRG. HE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS
PRECONDITION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES IN HANOI AND
TOKYO. HE ASSERTED THAT US HAD RECOGNIZED PRG IN SIGNING
PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT. VIET SAID JAPAN SHOULD MAKE RESTITUTION
(REPARATIONS) FOR ACTIONS INFLICTED ON NVN DURING WWII. HE
ALSO CHARGED THAT NVNESE STILL HAD DIFFICULTIES IN VISITING
JAPAN DESPITE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

2. FONOFF THROUGH PRESS IMMEDIATELY REFUTED VIET'S ASSERTIONS,
SAYING THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITHOUT CON-
DITIONS. FONOFF (PROBABLY VICE FOMIN HOGEN) SAID GOJ
RECOGNIZED THAT DRV WANTED GOJ TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG AND
JAPAN'S POSITION WAS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AFTER
WHICH DRV COULD, IF IT CHOSE, RAISE THE ISSUE. FONOFF ALSO
DENIED THAT US RECOGNIZED PRG BY SIGNING PARIS AGREEMENT.
FONOFF SAID REPARATIONS ISSUED SETTLED WITH SAIGON GOV-
ERNMENT IN MAY 1959.

3. DURING DIET INTERPRELLATIONS NOV8, FONMIN OHIRA STATED
EMPHATICALLY THAT GOJ HAD NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING THE
PRG AND WOULD NOT ALLOW VIETNAMESE TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN ON
PRG PASSPORTS.

4. VIET MISSION MADE COURTESY CALL ON OHIRA NOV9. FONOFF
(KAZUHARA, DEP HEAD FIRST SE ASIAN DIV) SAID MEETING, THE
FIRST BY HIGH NVN OFFICIAL WITH OHIRA, HELD IN FRIENDLY
ATMOSPHERE. BOTH SIDES ACCLAIMED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS AND DISCUSSED RECONSTRUCTION OF NVN AND
WAYS IN WHICH JAPAN COULD ASSIST. DAZUHARA SAID REPARATIONS
AND RECOGNITION OF PRG WERE NOT DISCUSSED. WHEN VIET
BROUGHT UP PRG QUESTION, OHIRA NOTED THAT HE HAD ANOTHER
APPOINTMENT AND SAID THAT QUESTIONS OF THAT SORT COULD BEST BE
DISCUSSED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
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5. GVN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR HO QUANG PHUOC TOLD EMOFF THEY
WERE CONCERNED OVER VIET'S BEING ALLOWED TO PUBLICLY ADVOCATE
GOJ RECOGNITION OF PRG IN JAPAN BUT WERE REASSURED BY UN-
EQUIVOCAL POSITIONS TAKEN BY OHIRA IN DIET.

6. COMMENT: VIET'S NOISY ADVOCACY OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WILL
PROBABLY REINFORCE GOJ'S HOPE TO KEEP POLITICAL VISITORS

FORM DRV AS WELL AS DPRK TO MINIMUM ALLOWABLE. ALONG
THESE LINES, DAZAHARA TOLD US VIET HAD BEEN "VERY RUDE".

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